

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-61 and 111-114 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 115-118 have been added and find support throughout the specification. Basis for claim 116, for example, may be found in the application as filed at page 91, line 10 through page 92, line 16.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 62-110 and 115-118 are pending.

The allowance of claims 62-110 in the Office Action of March 13, 2008 is acknowledged, with appreciation.

The Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 113 and 114 is moot in view of the above. The Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 112, is moot in view of the above.

The Examiner is requested to appreciate that one of ordinary skill in the art is aware of the link between treatment of a variety of proliferative disorders and the inhibition of HDAC. The present specification describes, for example, on pages 91 and 92 a number of publications which provide evidence of the link between the inhibition of HDAC, and the treatment of the various proliferative conditions. Moreover, the applicants have made of record technical literature as further evidence of same.

The applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art will not require undue burden to make and use the invention of the claimed methods.

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The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in the event anything further is required to place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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